

Patents

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Douglas Bryan Cole, et al.)
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED)
Filed: **January 28, 2002**)
For: **ION-SENSITIVE, WATER-DISPERSIBLE**)
POLYMERS, A METHOD OF MAKING)
SAME AND ITEMS USING SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the above-referenced application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22 without prejudice to applicants' rights to file continuation applications directed to the subject matter thereof.

Please rewrite Claims 1, 13 and 19 as follows:

1. (Amended) A wetting composition for use in conjunction with a non-polyvinyl alcohol-containing polymer having water solubility properties that are ionically triggerable, said wetting composition comprising:

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at least 1 weight percent of an activating compound, said activating compound being a monovalent salt; and wherein the wetting composition contains less than about 10 wt% of organic solvents.

13. (Amended) A wetting composition for use in conjunction with a non-polyvinyl alcohol-containing polymer having water solubility properties that are ionically triggerable, said wetting composition comprising:

about 86 to about 98 weight percent deionized water;

about 1 to about 6 weight percent sodium chloride;

up to about 2 weight percent of one or more preservatives;

up to about 2 weight percent of one or more surfactants;

up to about 1 weight percent of one or more silicone emulsions;

up to about 1 weight percent of one or more emollients;

up to about 0.3 weight percent of one or more fragrances;

up to about 0.5 weight percent of one or more fragrance solubilizers;

and

up to about 0.5 weight percent of one or more pH adjusters.

19. (Amended) A method of making a wetting composition for use in conjunction with a non-polyvinyl alcohol-containing polymer having water solubility properties that are ionically triggerable, said method comprising:

mixing one or more monovalent salts with one or more additives selected from one or more from skin-care additives; odor control agents; detackifying agents;

particulates; antimicrobial agents; preservatives; wetting agents and cleaning agents such as detergents, surfactants, and silicones; emollients; surface feel modifiers; fragrance; fragrance solubilizers; opacifiers; fluorescent whitening agents; UV absorbers; pharmaceuticals; and pH control agents; and wherein the wetting composition contains less than about 4 wt% of organic solvents.

REMARKS

Following entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-10, 13, 19, 20 and 23 will be pending in this application. Applicant requests examination of these claims and submits that these claims are patentable over the prior art of record.

Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

Amendments in the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), the following versions of the claims as rewritten by the foregoing amendments show all changes made relative to the previous version of the claims.

1. (Amended) A wetting composition for use in conjunction with a non-polyvinyl alcohol-containing polymer having water solubility properties that are ionically triggerable, said wetting composition comprising:

at least 1 weight percent of an activating compound, said activating compound being a monovalent salt; and wherein the wetting composition contains less than about 10 wt% of organic solvents.

13. (Amended) A wetting composition for use in conjunction with a non-polyvinyl alcohol-containing polymer having water solubility properties that are ionically triggerable, said wetting composition [comprises] comprising:

about 86 to about 98 weight percent deionized water;

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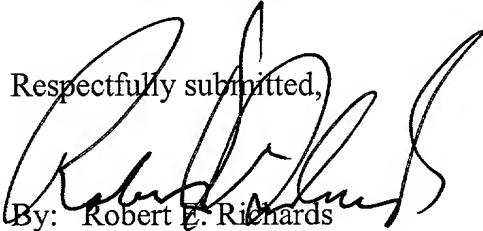
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Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. Such action is courteously solicited. Applicants further request that the Examiner call the undersigned counsel if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by examiner's amendment, telephone interview or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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